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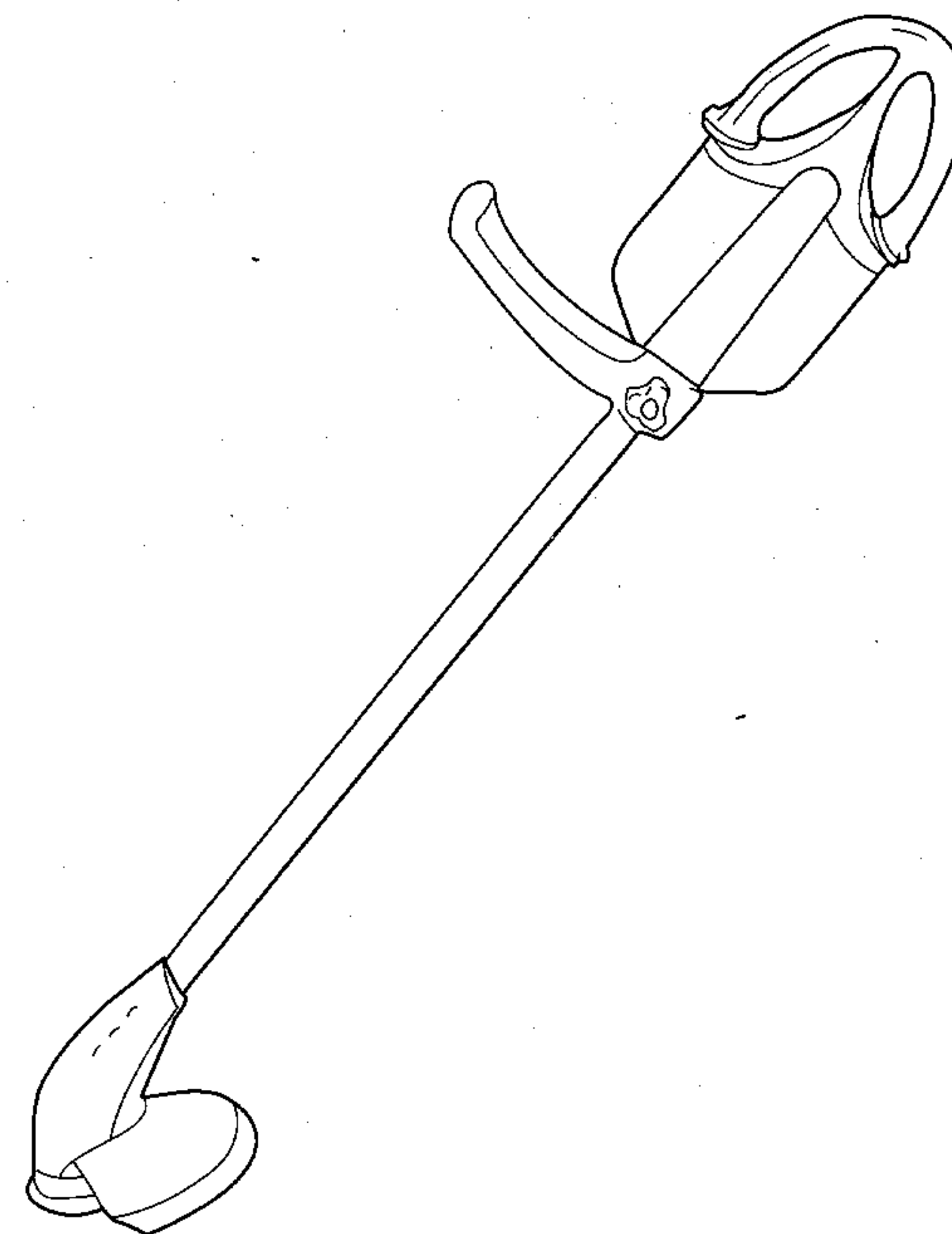
Instruction Manual

CRAFTSMAN®

WEEDWACKER®

- Cordless Line Trimmer and Edger
- 24 Volt Power System

Model No. 240.74805



CAUTION:
Before using this product,
read this manual and follow
all its Safety Rules and
Operating Instructions.

- Safety
- Operation
- Maintenance
- Español

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WARRANTY

Full One Year Warranty on Craftsman Weedwacker®

If this Craftsman Weedwacker Cordless Line Trimmer and Edger fails due to a defect in material or workmanship within one year from the date of purchase, return it to your nearest Sears store or Craftsman outlet in the United States, and it will be replaced free of charge.

This warranty applies only while this Weedwacker is used in the United States.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights, which vary from state to state.

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SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS

WARNING: When using this tool, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and personal injury, including the following:

To reduce risk of injury:

- Before any use, be sure everyone using this electric product reads and understands all safety and operation instructions contained in this manual.
- Save these instructions and review frequently prior to use. Store in wall charger slot.
- **ATTACH LINE GUARD** – Before use, attach the line guard correctly. See instructions on how to attach line guard in the Operation section. Failure to attach the line guard may
- pose a risk of injury, may cause motor damage and will void the warranty.
- **UNIT PARTIALLY CHARGED** – The Weedwacker is shipped in a partially charged stage, so handle the unit with care during unpacking and assembling of line guard.
- **AVOID DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENTS** and weather conditions when using this tool.
- **KEEP CHILDREN AWAY** – All visitors should be kept at a safe distance from work area.
- **STORE IDLE UNIT INDOORS** When not in use, the unit should be stored indoors in a dry location – out of reach of children.
- **DON'T FORCE THE TOOL** – It will do the job better and with less likelihood of a risk of injury at the rate for which it was designed.

- **USE RIGHT TOOL** – Do not use the tool for any job except that for which it is intended.
- **WARNING: KEEP HANDS AND ALL BODY PARTS AWAY** from the line and line head. The line while in motion can cause injury.
- **DRESS PROPERLY** – Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. They can be caught in moving parts. Use of gloves and substantial footwear is recommended when working outdoors. Wear protective hair covering to contain long hair and long pants to protect from flying particles.
- **DON'T OVERREACH** – Maintain proper footing and balance at all times.
- **USE SAFETY GLASSES** – Always wear proper eye protection, and use face or dust mask if operation is dusty.
- **MAINTAIN UNIT WITH CARE** – Keep the unit clean for best performance and to reduce the risk of injury. Follow instructions for service. Keep handles dry, clean, and free from oil and grease.
- **UNINTENTIONAL STARTING** – Don't carry the Weedwacker while holding the switch area. The unit is shipped partly charged, and may start inadvertently during assembly if not handled properly.
- **CHECK DAMAGED PARTS** – If the Weedwacker Line Trimmer experiences a hard impact, check that no parts were damaged and verify that the unit operates properly. Check for misalignment or bending of moving parts, breakage of parts, and any other condition that may affect operation. A part that is damaged should be properly repaired or replaced by an authorized service center.
- **STAY ALERT** – Watch what you are doing. Use common sense. Do not operate the tool when you are tired.
- **DON'T GRASP MOVING LINE** – Do not attempt to remove cut material or hold material to be cut when the line is moving. Make sure the unit's switch is off when clearing or changing line.

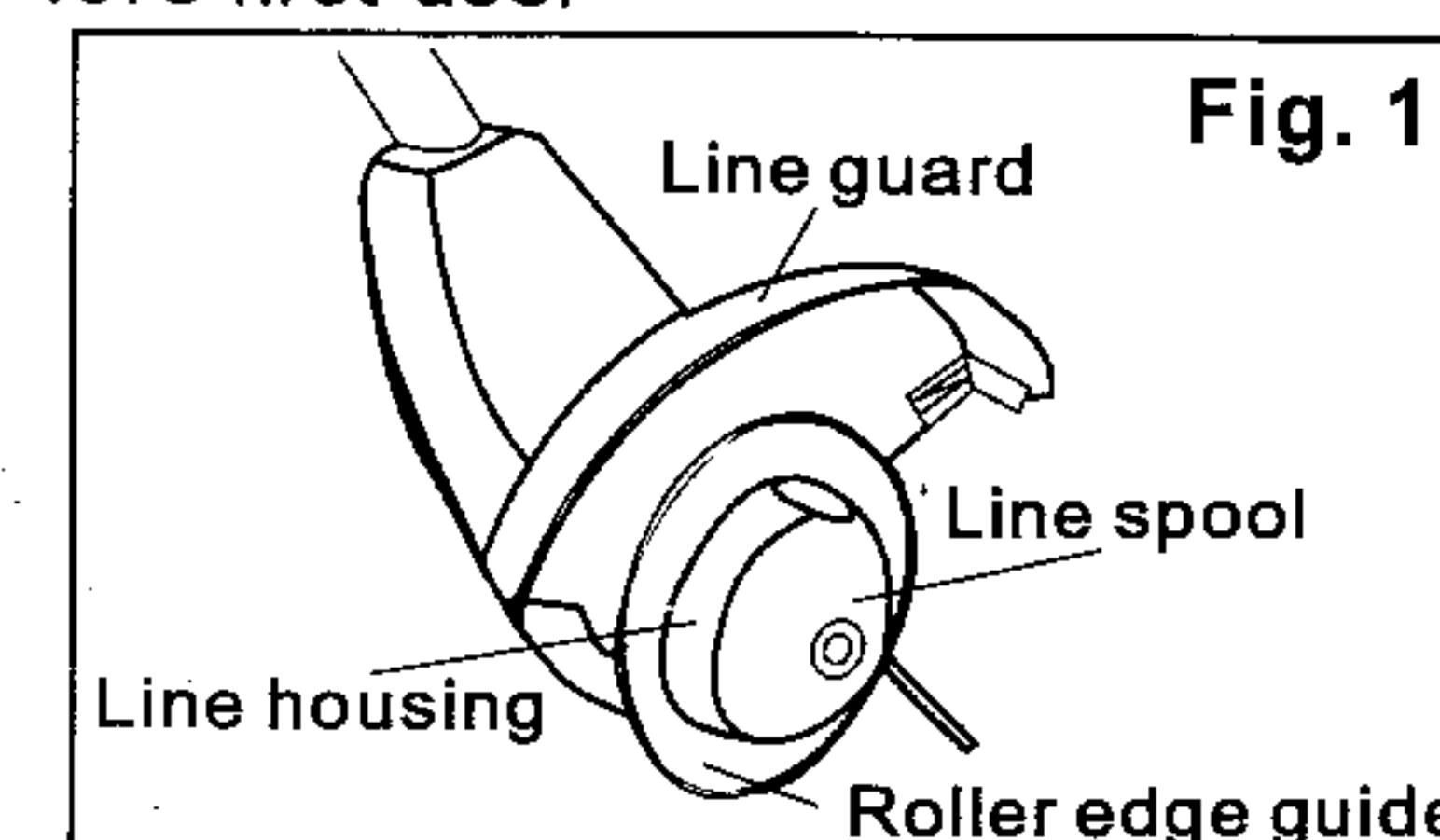
To reduce risk when using charger:

- **DO NOT** use charger outdoors or in wet conditions; use inside only.
- **DO NOT** charge the unit when the temperature is below +40 F or above +120 F. It may lessen the service life of the battery.
- This unit and its charger are designed to work together. **DO NOT** charge the Weedwacker with any other charger and **DO NOT** use this charger with any other yard tool or appliance.
- The charger is designed to operate on 120 volts. **DO NOT** attempt to use it at any other voltage.
- Store these instructions by folding in half and sliding into the slot in the back of the wall charging rack.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

OPERATION

- **ATTACH LINE GUARD PRIOR TO USE** – Attach the line guard to the trimmer housing by first aligning both of the side tabs with the slots in the trimmer housing. Next, press firmly on the rear of the guard to secure the locking tab (no screws necessary). **Important:** The line guard incorporates an automatic line cut-off blade, which keeps the cutting line trimmed to the proper length. Remove the protective tape from this blade before first use.



- **CHARGE BATTERY PRIOR TO USE** – The Weedwacker does not come fully charged when purchased. Before using the unit, the battery must be charged. Before charging the battery, read safety and charging instructions.

- **PROPER RUN TIME AND PERFORMANCE** can only be obtained with a fully charged battery.
- **CHARGE TIME** – Overnight charging of about 16 hours is sufficient to replenish the battery to a full charge. Initial use, long periods of inactivity, or storage at extreme temperatures may require extended charge time.
- **WALL CHARGE BRACKET** – Before charging the unit, make sure the charge bracket is securely attached to the wall, attach with screws to a wall stud, or use #8 or larger wall anchors.

To Charge Battery:

1. Plug the charger into a 120 Volt AC outlet.
2. Place the Weedwacker into the wall charge bracket.
3. Charge for at least 16 hours.
4. The LED on the plug-in-the-wall part of the charger glows red when the Weedwacker is "charging" and green when it is "ready to use."

Charging Notes:

- **CAUTION:** The charger can only be used with 60 cycle, 115-120 VAC electricity.
- The charger unit plugged into the AC outlet will normally become warm to touch during charging.
- **SAFE CHARGE** – The charger utilizes trickle charging, which is the safest way to charge a battery. The unit will not overcharge and can be left on charge indefinitely.
- Longest life and best performance will be obtained when charging in normal room temperature.
- Battery life is dependent on usage, storage temperature and time.

To Operate The Weedwacker:

To turn tool ON, slide the thumb switch on top of the handle FORWARD. While holding thumb switch FORWARD, squeeze the trigger switch (under the handle) to start the unit. See Figure 2 or 3. Release the thumb switch once unit is running.

To turn tool OFF, merely release the trigger. The locking button will snap backward to prevent the trigger switch from being accidentally depressed.

TRIMMING TECHNIQUES

Maintain proper balance at all times. Keep hand away from moving line. Wear eye protection when using the unit. Hold the Weedwacker firmly when starting and operating.

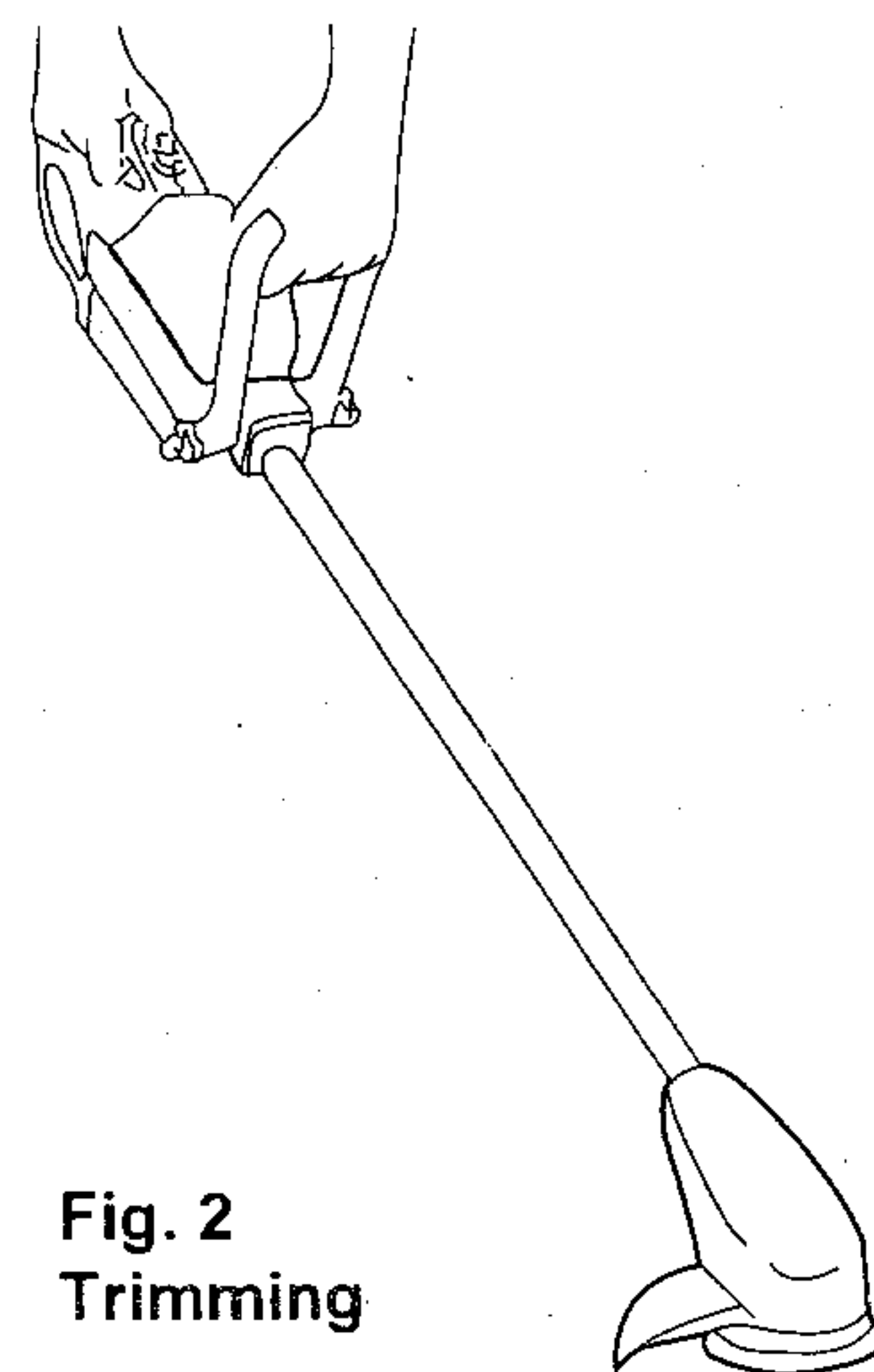


Fig. 2
Trimming

WEED AND LAWN TRIMMING

- The unit works best with dry grass, but it can be used safely in wet grass due to the low voltage design.
- A long sweeping cutting motion will get the greatest amount of trimming per charge.
- Watch out for foreign objects in the grass. Avoid trimming near wiring or other objects that could become tangled in the rotation of the string head.
- Always inspect area to be trimmed for objects that could be damaged or tangled during trimming.
- During normal operation, the cutting line will wear down and need to be advanced to its full cutting length.
- **Advance (bump feed) the cutting line** – While the unit is running, gently tap the line head against the ground until the cutting line advances to the cut-off blade. Excess line will be cut off automatically to maintain proper length.

- To lengthen the life of the string spool, do not bump feed by tapping the line head on concrete or asphalt.

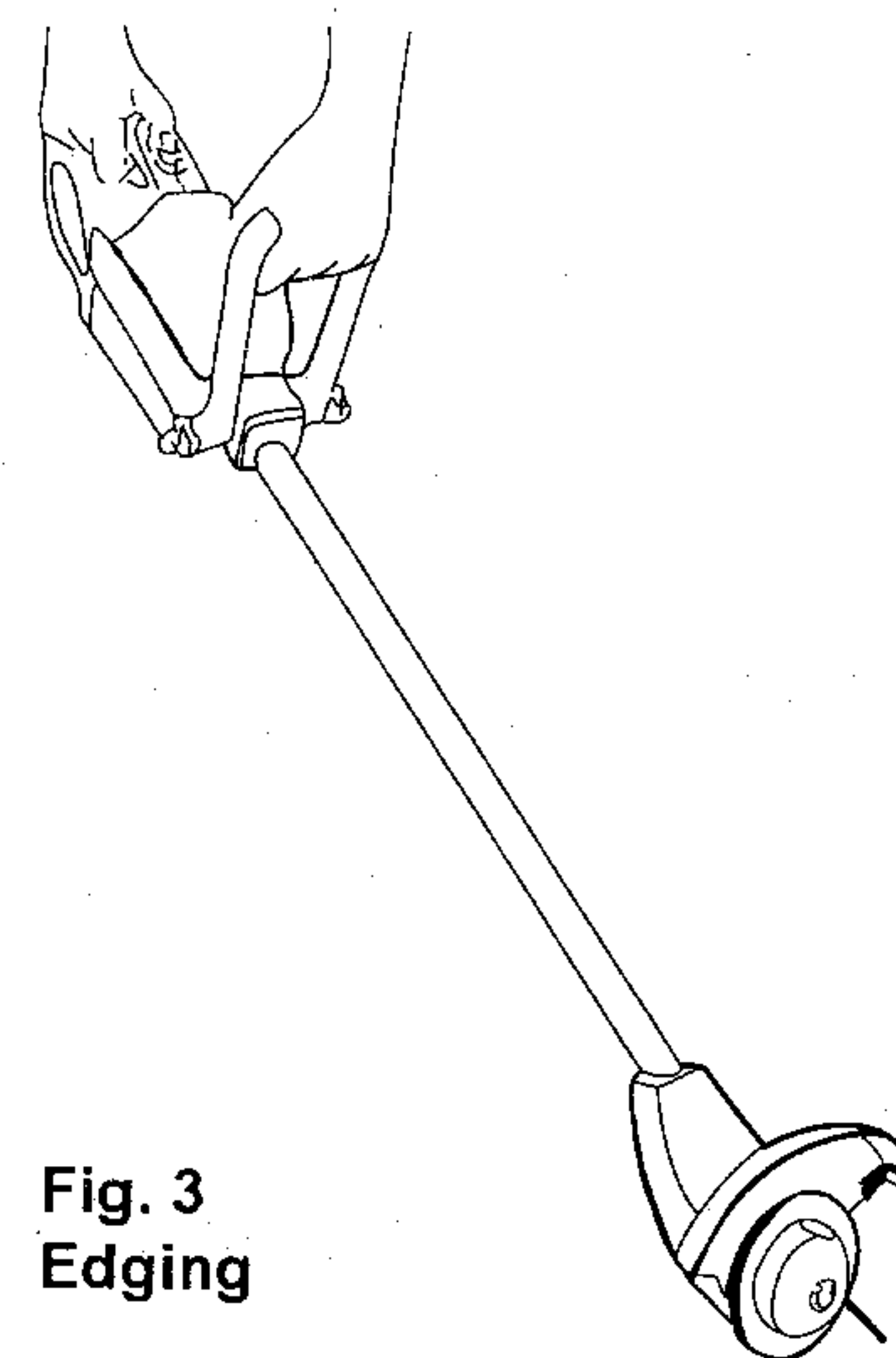


Fig. 3
Edging

LAWN AND FLOWERBED EDGING

- Holding the front handle, rotate the rest of the unit to bring the edging wheel into position.
- Locate the edging wheel along the surface to be edged.
- Slowly let the Weedwacker roll along the edge of the lawn with the roller guide wheel supporting the weight of the unit. Stop periodically to advance the cutting line.
- **When edging an area for the first time, you will form a groove in the ground. Forming the groove may require special attention and frequent line advancement. After the groove is formed the first time, regular maintenance is easy.**
- For optimum results, regularly rotate the line head down and bump feed to advance string.
- Watch out for foreign objects.

To Change Line

Make sure to keep your hands away from the trigger and safety switch to ensure that the tool is not accidentally turned ON. Place the unit on a flat surface or upside down to gain access to the line head. Reload the line head with cutting line. Replacement spools with

line are available as an accessory at your local Sears store.

WARNING: To prevent injury, keep hands away from triggers during re-loading.

USE ONLY 0.08" DIAMETER LINE.

Tabs are located on each side of the line spool cover. Press both tabs on the line head cover and remove cover by pulling upward. It may be easier to press in one tab at a time. After the tabs are pushed in, lift the spool out of the housing and put spring in a safe place.

1. Remove and discard any remaining cutting line in the spool.
2. Clean all debris from inside the line head assembly.
3. Holding the end of the line, insert 1" of the tip into the small hole at the base of the spool.
4. Evenly and tightly wind the spool in the direction shown on the bottom of the spool.
5. Continue winding until the line is just below the rim, then cut the line with scissors.
6. Do not overfill. Overfilling can cause jams.
7. Hold the line so it does not unwind; insert the cut end through the eyelet in the line head housing.
8. Now replace the spring and spool, making sure that the line is not caught under the spool.
9. Re-install the line head cover.

Clearing Jams

CAUTION: To prevent injury, keep hands away from trigger during clearing of jams. To prevent injury, do not use the Weedwacker with damaged line head assembly.

1. Inspect cutting line and spool and clear away debris.
2. Unwrap the spool several turns and inspect the line for damage.
3. Cut away damaged line and discard. Inspect the line head assembly for cracks or damage.
4. While gently pulling on the cutting line, press the spool (bump head) until the line releases. If jam is

cleared, the spool should spin free a short distance and the line will advance.

5. If the unit continues to jam or will not spin freely, call service number listed below. Failure to stop the unit when the line is jammed will cause excessive battery drainage and shorten motor life (overheating).

MAINTENANCE

LUBRICATION – No periodic relubrication of the Weedwacker bearings or other moving parts is required.

CLEANING OF PLASTIC PARTS – Use only a dry brush or a cloth with warm water and mild soap to clean plastic parts. Many household cleaners contain chemicals which could damage the plastic. Never use gasoline, turpentine, paint thinner or similar fluids. Never spray-wash tool or immerse in water. Water or liquid inside the tool can cause serious damage to the unit.

FUSE – The unit is equipped with a fuse (15 Amp) that will protect from extreme overload to the motor. To change the fuse, first remove battery housing cover by unscrewing screw. Then remove battery to access fuse holder.

DROPPING THE UNIT – If you drop the unit, carefully inspect it for any damage before using it again.

STORAGE

TEMPERATURE – Temperature extremes limit the useful life of the battery. The best storage place is one that is cool and dry. Store the tool away from direct sunlight, heating pipes, furnaces, etc. Do not store where temperatures go below +40 F or above +120 F.

PREVENTING CORROSION – Fertilizers and other garden chemicals contain compounds that greatly accelerate the corrosion of metals. Do not store the

appliance on or adjacent to fertilizers or chemicals.

ACCESSORIES

REPLACEMENT PARTS – For optimum cutting results and the assurance of top performance, it is recommended that only Sears Craftsman replacement line, spools, and accessories be used. Spool with line is available at your local Sears store.

WARNING: Only use Craftsman accessories with the Weedwacker. Use of non-Craftsman accessories could be hazardous.

BATTERY RECYCLE – To preserve natural resources, please recycle or dispose of this product's SEALED LEAD-ACID BATTERY properly. Local, state and federal laws may prohibit disposal of sealed lead-acid batteries in ordinary trash. Consult your local waste authority or Sears store for information regarding available recycling and/or disposal options.

BATTERY REPLACEMENT – When replacing the batteries, both batteries should be replaced at the same time. Mixing fresh and discharged batteries could increase internal cell pressure and cause rupture.

WARNING: When replacing the batteries, the proper polarity or direction must be observed. Reverse insertion of batteries can result in leakage or

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explosion.

If you see any condition that may affect safe operation, or if you have any questions, **contact our customer service number at:**

1-800- 539-6455

WALL CHARGE BRACKET

Attach Bracket to Wall:

Before charging the unit, make sure the charge bracket is securely attached to the wall. The most secure way to attach is with screws directly into a wall stud.

To Charge the Line Trimmer:

- Plug the charger into a 120 Volt AC outlet.
- Lifting the unit by its handles, **with both hands**, firmly push it straight into the charge bracket.
- The line trimmer will lock in place. The light on the plug-in-the-wall part of the charger will go from green to red, if the line trimmer needs to be charged.
- Charge for at least 16 hours.
- The light (on the plug-in unit) glows red when the line trimmer is charging, and green when it is ready to use.
- To remove the line trimmer from the charging rack, use both hands as per figure 1. Grasp both handles, press the thumbs against the front of the charge bracket, and then pull the unit straight out.
Do not remove the trimmer from the charge bracket by pulling on the trimmer shaft.

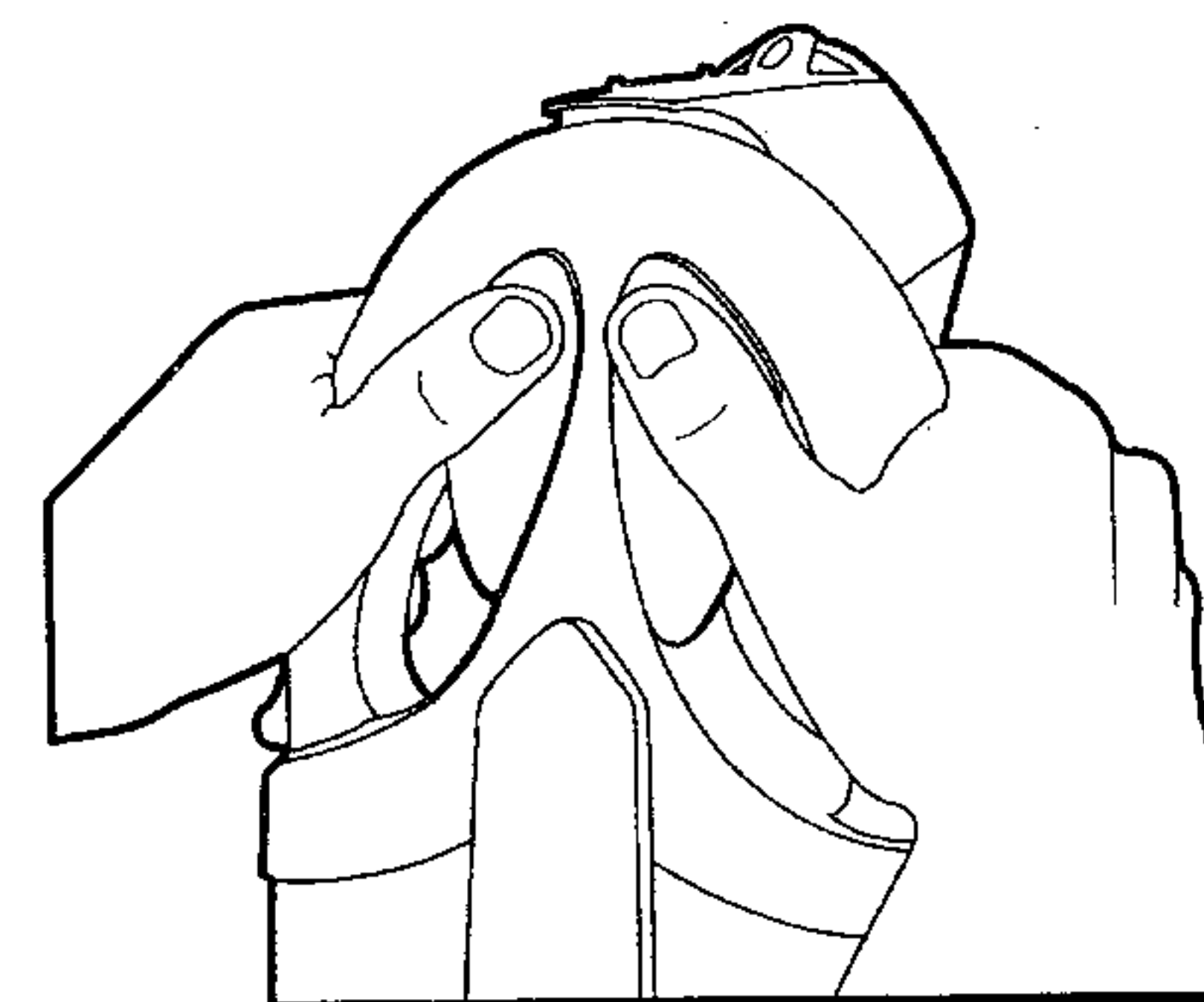


Figure 1:
Use both hands to remove the line trimmer from the charge bracket.

- **SAFE CHARGE** – The charger utilizes trickle charging, which is the safest way to charge a battery. The unit will not overcharge and can be left on charge indefinitely.
- **CHARGE RACK STORAGE** – The back of the charge rack is a perfect storage area for the instruction manual or extra replacement spools.

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS

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CARGADOR DE PARED

Antes de cargar la unidad, vea que el cargador esté bien colocado en la pared; asegúrelo con tornillos a un montante (o use anclajes de pared #8 ó mayores).

Para cargar la batería:

- Conecte el cargador a un tomacorriente de 120 voltios CA.
- Coloque el Weedwacker en el cargador de pared. Figura 1.
- Cárguelo por lo menos 16 horas.
- El diodo emisor de luz de la parte que se conecta a la pared del cargador está rojo cuando el Weedwacker está "cargando" y verde cuando está "listo para usarse".
- **CARGA SEGURA** – El cargador utiliza la carga lenta, que es la forma más segura de cargar una batería. La unidad no se sobrecargará y puede ser dejada cargando indefinidamente.

LEA TODAS LAS INSTRUCCIONES

Servicio al Cliente: 1-800-539-6455